

REMARKS

Claims 235-247 and 467-479 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 234, 237, 466-467 and 470 have been objected to because of certain informalities.

Claims 246-247 and 478-479 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 235-247 and 467-479 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Applicants amend the claims to overcome every ground for their objection/rejection. Since there are no outstanding grounds for the rejection of the claims, they should now be allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No.: 09/691,053

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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